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June 5, 2020

On Wednesday, Governor Abbott announced Phase III of the Plan to Open Texas. Phase III includes three dates of note for additional business reopening:

Beginning June 3, all businesses currently operating at 25% capacity can expand their occupancy to 50% with certain exceptions. Bars and similar establishments may increase their capacity to 50% as long as patrons are seated. Amusement parks and carnivals in counties with less than 1,000 confirmed positive cases may open at 50% capacity. Restaurants may expand their maximum table size from 6 to 10 persons.

Beginning June 12, restaurants may expand their occupancy levels to 75%. Counties with 10 or less active COVID-19 cases may expand their occupancy limits to 75%. Counties that fit this category but have not previously filed an attestation with DSHS will need to do so.

Beginning June 19, amusement parks and carnivals in counties with more than 1,000 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 may open at 50% capacity.

Special provisions have been made for outdoor gatherings, such as Fourth of July celebrations, but it is imperative that local officials and public health officials collaborate on safe standards. In addition to authorizing all businesses at 50% indoor capacity, the executive order generally authorizes unlimited outdoor capacity limits, subject to appropriate social distancing. The following, however, are still subject to an outdoor limit of 50% of the normal operating limits:

- Professional, collegiate and similar sporting events
- Swimming pools
- Waterparks
- Museums and libraries
- Zoos, aquariums, and natural caverns
- Rodeos and equestrian events

Outdoor gatherings estimated to exceed 500 people that are not outlined in the Executive Order may be further restricted by a local county judge or mayor.

All businesses should continue to follow the minimum standard health protocols from DSHS. For details and a full list of guidelines, openings, and relevant dates, visit <http://open.texas.gov>.

Reminders for those going out:

- Individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings.
- People should not be in groups greater than ten when possible.
- People over the age of 65 are encouraged to stay at home as much as possible.
- People are still asked to avoid nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities.

More information on Phase III can be found below, and the full text of the Governor's Executive Order can be read [here](#).

Sincerely,

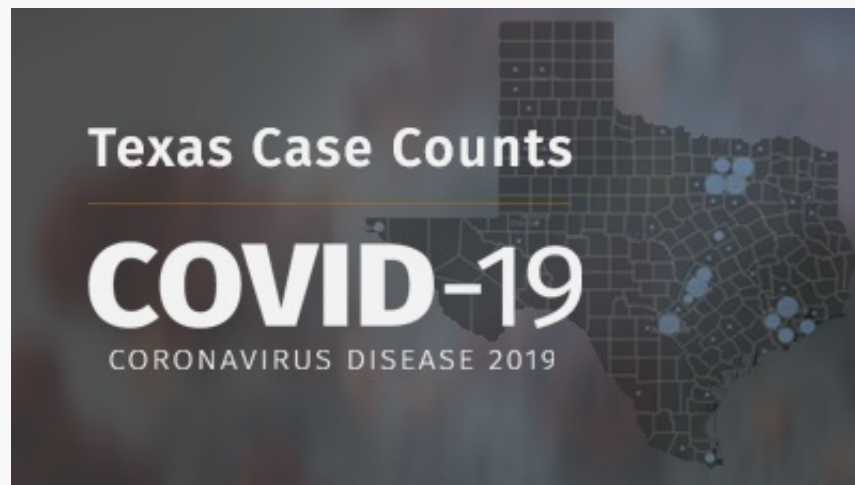


## Capitol Office Closure Notice

Our District office has reopened at minimum staffing levels, while the Capitol office will remain closed in line with current capitol procedure. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

## Health Resources

### DSHS: COVID-19 Case Dashboard



### Harris County Public Health Dashboard



Click the image above to be directed to the Harris County Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard

## Updates from Austin

### Governor Abbott Announces Phase III To Open Texas

# PHASE III: SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

## JUNE 3RD:

All businesses currently operating at 25% capacity can **expand their occupancy to 50%** with certain exceptions

Bars and similar establishments may **increase their capacity to 50%** as long as patrons are seated

Amusement parks and carnivals in counties with **less than 1,000 confirmed positive cases** may open at 50% capacity

Restaurants may **expand** their maximum table size **from 6 to 10 persons**

## JUNE 12TH:

Restaurants may **expand their occupancy levels to 75%**

Counties **with 10 or less active COVID-19 cases** may **expand their occupancy limits to 75%**

## JUNE 19TH:

Amusement parks and carnivals in counties *with more than 1,000 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19* may open at 50% capacity

## ADDITIONAL OPENINGS:

Special provisions have been made for outdoor gatherings, such as **Fourth of July celebrations**, but it is imperative that local officials and public health officials collaborate on safe standards.

*\*These provisions are included in the Governor's Executive Order and are also available on the Open Texas website*



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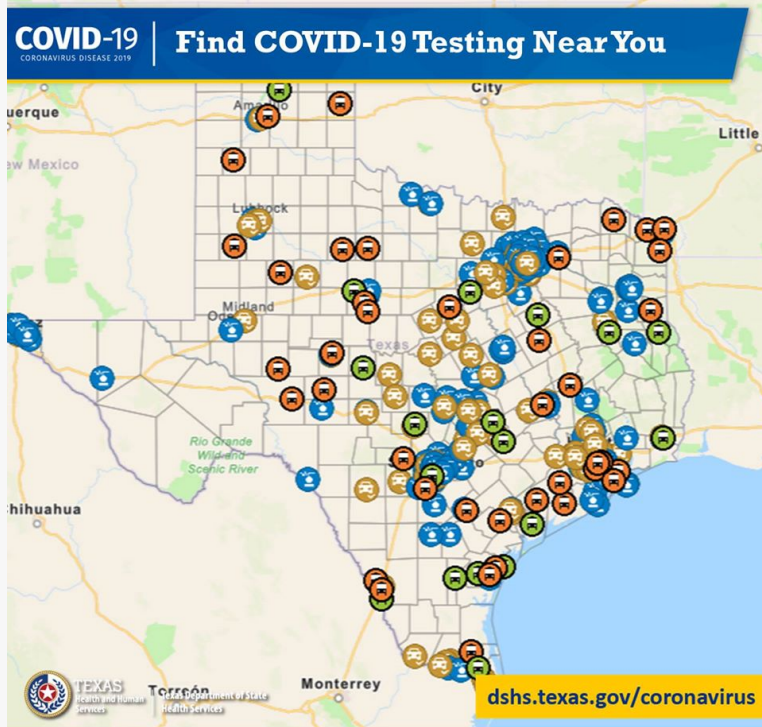
## Abbott Holds Briefing on TS Cristobal



Governor Greg Abbott today held a press conference in Austin where he provided an update on Tropical Storm Cristobal, as well as hurricane preparedness and special COVID-19 considerations. Prior to the press conference, the Governor was briefed on Tropical Storm Cristobal, a weather formation in the Gulf expected to regain strength and potentially make landfall in Louisiana with possible impact to parts of deep east Texas. Prior to the press conference, the Governor held a briefing with state officials and a call with mayors and county judges of the coastal region and deep east Texas.

"As with any hurricane season, preparedness is key—and the State of Texas is taking comprehensive action to prepare for Tropical Storm Cristobal and any potential storms or hurricanes that may impact the Lone Star State," said Governor Abbott. "We will continue to monitor this storm and work to ensure our local officials have the resources they need to respond should this weather event approach Texas. In addition, our state agencies are working strategically to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while keeping Texans safe during this storm and future storms. I urge residents of Deep East Texas to take the necessary precautions and heed the guidance of local officials."

**Find a COVID Testing Site Near You**



## State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.6 Billion in May



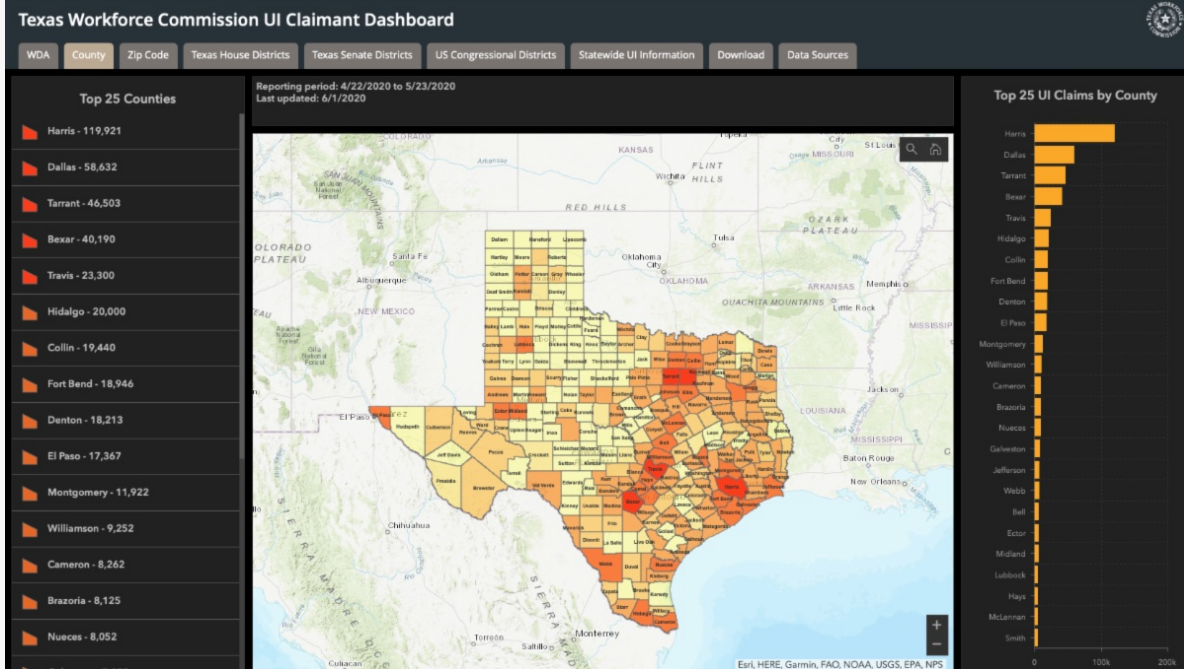
### State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.6 Billion in May

June 1, 2020 (AUSTIN) - Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.61 billion in May, 13.2 percent less than in May 2019 and the steepest year-over-year decline since January 2010. The majority of May sales tax...

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[comptroller.texas.gov](http://comptroller.texas.gov)

## TWC: Interactive Map: UI Claims by Region





## TWDB Seeking Nominations for State's First Regional Flood Planning Group

### TWDB seeking nominations for state's first regional...

AUSTIN - (June 2, 2020) - The state of Texas is beginning its first-ever regional flood planning process, and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is looking for nominees to be considered for membership in the 15 planning groups.

[Read more  
www.twdb.texas.gov](http://www.twdb.texas.gov)

## Updates from the District

### Hurricane Seasonal Preparedness Digital Toolkit



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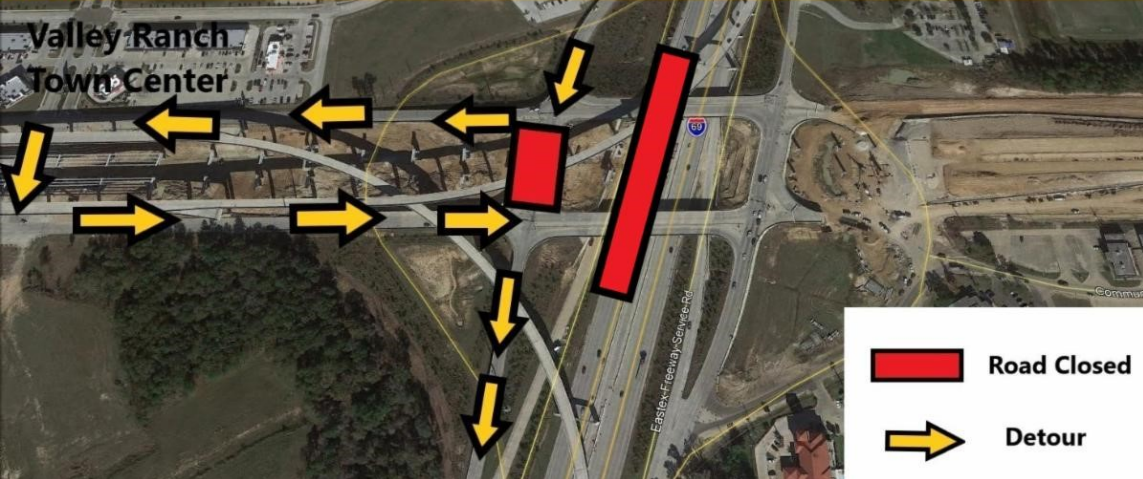
This digital toolkit contains social media posts and links to graphics/videos hurricane preparedness and improve clear actionable information for individual and community preparedness. For more engaging content, attach graphics to social media...

## Tuesday, June 9th: IH-69 SB Frontage Road & Main Lanes Closure

During the overnight hours (8PM-5AM) of Tuesday, June 9, IH-69 southbound main lanes and frontage road will be closed for bridge work. Detours will be in place for motorists traveling in the area. Please note that this activity is weather permitting. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated through email and social media: [https://www.facebook.com/sh99grandpkwy/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/sh99grandpkwy/?ref=br_rs)

**Tuesday, June 9**  
**8:00PM - 5:00AM**

IH-69 southbound frontage road will be closed between SH-99 frontage roads and all IH-69 southbound main lanes will be closed. Detours will be put in place for motorists in the area.



**Valley Ranch Town Center**

**Eastex-Freeway-Solway Rd**

**SH-99**

**Road Closed**

**Detour**

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